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Spectrum, Beaumont finalize merger

Hamel to be BHSH Spectrum Health Lakeland president

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By JULIANA KNOT
HP Staff Writer

The merger between Spectrum Health and Beaumont Health takes effect Tuesday, making it the largest combined health system in Michigan.

In a virtual press conference Monday, officials said the new health system will have dual headquarters in Grand Rapids and Southfield, under the temporary name BHSH System.

Together, the combined hospital system will operate a total of 22 hospitals, 305 outpatient clinics, employing more than 64,000 people – including over 11,500 physicians and advanced practice providers and more than 15,000 nurses.

Tina Freese Decker, current president and CEO of Spectrum Health, will act as president and CEO of BHSH System. The current president and CEO of Beaumont Health, John Fox, will retire Feb. 4.

The two systems announced their intention to merge in mid-June, with plans to finalize the merger in the fall.

BHSH System Board Chair Julie Fream said at a press conference held virtually Monday, that both boards met last week and unanimously reaffirmed the merger.

Freese Decker said the new system has provided all necessary documents to the Federal Trade Commission and to state officials, while the window for the FTC to object to the merger has since passed.

"As we launch our new health system, we have a bold goal to transform health and are thrilled to unite our two great organizations. Together, we will leverage our complementary strengths to innovate and make a positive impact for our communities and their health," Freese Decker said in a prepared statement. "We look forward to working with our physicians, team members, patients, health plan members and partners across our state to provide health care and coverage that is accessible, affordable, equitable and exceptional."

When asked if the merger would result in layoffs, Freese Decker said BHSH System was focused on recruiting and retaining staff during a staffing shortage– and not letting them go. She and Fream also took the chance to thank health care workers for their work in the fourth COVID-19 surge.

"Our purpose has never been more critical or important," Freese Decker said.

Spectrum Health Lakeland, which encompasses three hospitals in St. Joseph, Watervliet and Niles, will now be called BHSH Spectrum Health Lakeland.

Loren Hamel will work as a strategic advisor for the hospital system in addition to his role as president of BHSH Spectrum Health Lakeland.

A Lakeland spokesperson told The Herald-Palladium that Spectrum Health Lakeland's board of directors will stay separate, as it is now.

BHSH Spectrum Health Lakeland is one of four divisions that make up the new

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Don Campbell // HP staff

L.S. Baker is the associate director of the Andrews University Press. He also studies the ancient texts of the Egyptians, capturing the hieroglyphs of millennia-old treaties.

Mummy's the word

Baker pieces together work with ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics

Q&A
L.S. BAKER

By JULIANA KNOT
HP Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Most days, L.S. Baker is the associate director of Andrews University Press, working with Bible commentaries and other manuscripts.

On other days, he's studying the ancient texts of the Egyptians, capturing the hieroglyphs of millennia-old treaties.

His path to the profession started with a fascination with dinosaurs. As he grew older, he was drawn to human history and studied the field while in college.

Baker discussed his work as an archaeologist and epigraphist with Herald-Palladium Staff Writer Juliana Knot, where he detailed piecing together treaties from broken stone walls and dispelled the myth that emojis are a modern day form of the ancient script.

Can you talk a little bit about how you got into archaeology, and what brought you to the field?

I went to school in the Philippines and undergrad. And whatever class I took, I had teachers tell me all the time, "Why don't you become a statistician? Why don't you become a scientist or whatever? An English teacher?"

And when I took the class in archaeology, the professor said the same thing to me. I wasn't sure that archaeology as a career was even possible. And so he said "Yeah, actually, it is possible."

That's the first time something kind of stirred in my heart that maybe this is something I'd like to do. Even today, I'd still like to find a way to get paid. Right now you have to be a professor or work in a university to have some kind of a day job.

I work here at Andrews University Press, and we publish a new study Bible and a Bible commentary and other important works. My boss is very, very sympathetic and allows me, very kindly, to go off and do my passion, which is archaeology. But that's kind of how it all started.

There's a lot of ancient people to study. How did you come down on ancient Egypt?

Of course, when you study archaeology, you study every ancient civilization. You know, you're studying all of them. And I'm interested in all of them, of course.

But it's only when I study Egypt, that I really can spend long hours, like get lost in time, really, because it fascinates me. I'm an artist. I was going to be a comic book artist at some point. And so, I guess that part of it also resonates with me, as well.

I enjoy the drawing of the hieroglyphs. I enjoy the drawing of the images and all different things and just the artistry of ancient Egypt. The scope of the imagination is quite large, and I get lost in it, where in the other fields, I can get bored after a while.

There's only so much pottery I can take you know, before that's the end.

So you're working on a project regarding the Hittite Treaty. Can you talk about what that is, and why it's significant?

The Hittite Treaty is the oldest international peace treaty. It was conducted between Ramesses the Great – almost everyone knows Ramesses the Great – and the Hittite king. They had this famous battle at Kadesh, where Ramesses claimed to have almost single-handedly defeated the Hittites. There's a couple of different war scenes, where it shows the Hittites (attacking) the camp, and he's there, and he's going to destroy them all himself.

The fact that there is a peace treaty makes it clear that maybe it wasn't quite as victorious as he wants everyone to think it was.

So the peace treaty was between these two international powers. The Hittites were quite a major power at the time. And it allowed them to reconcile. Even the U.N. has

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Shoreham ends talk to disband

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

SHOREHAM — Shoreham officials have decided to drop any attempts to disband the village.

Trustees voted unanimously in January to forgo any action on disbanding and being governed by St. Joseph Township, according to meeting minutes from Clerk Stephanie Clarke, who is also a trustee.

In December, President Pro Tem Mike Schnable said he was not advocating that the village be dissolved, but said it was his duty to bring the idea to the council after St. Joseph Township officials brought it to his attention.

Trustee Bob Clarke, Stephanie Clarke's husband, said at the December meeting the issue needed to be tabled to give trustees time to think about it.

Stephanie Clarke said the January motion was made in response to the number of residents at the prior meeting, asking trustees to make a decision on the topic.

"Council members had time on their own between meetings to look into the merits of disbanding the village and being taken over by St. Joseph Charter Township," the minutes from the Jan. 19 meeting state. "Aside from the services agreed to already with SJCT, no additional merits that would warrant incorporation with SJCT were presented at the meeting. Nothing other than the previously emailed March 2, 2015 proposal was presented."

In December, Schnable said during the past few elections, there have been

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Ballot drive seeks to expand voting in battleground Michigan

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — A Michigan ballot drive that was launched Monday would make it easier to vote, creating more than a week of early voting, letting all voters request an absentee ballot for future elections and requiring prepaid postage on return envelopes.

The proposed constitutional amendment also would prohibit legislative or other attempts to "unreasonably" burden the right to vote and would enshrine the duties of the state's canvassing board to certify results after Donald Trump's unprecedented

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Clarence Tabb Jr. / Detroit News via AP, file

Troy Desole, center, votes at Carstens Elementary Middle School at Remus Robinson in the state's primary election, Aug. 3, 2021, in Detroit. A Michigan ballot drive that was launched Monday would make it easier to vote, creating more than a week of early voting, letting all voters request an absentee ballot for future elections and requiring prepaid postage on return envelopes.

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Omicron amps up concerns about long COVID and its causes

By LAURA UNGAR and LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writers

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Nancy Rose, center in mirror, speaks with her mother, Amy Russell, right, who both contracted COVID-19 in 2021, in their dining room surrounded by pictures of relatives and family on Jan. 25 in Port Jefferson, N.Y. More than a third of COVID-19 survivors by some estimates develop lingering problems.

More than a year after a bout with COVID-19, Rebekah Hogan still suffers from severe brain fog, pain and fatigue that leave her unable to do her nursing job or handle household activities.

Long COVID has her questioning her worth as a wife and mother.

"Is this permanent? Is this the new norm?" said the 41-year-old Latham, New York, woman, whose three children and husband also have signs of the condition. "I want my life back."

More than a third of COVID-19 survivors by some estimates will develop such lingering problems. Now, with omicron sweeping across the globe, scientists are racing to pinpoint the cause of the bedeviling condition and find treatments before a potential explosion in long COVID cases.

Could it be an autoimmune disorder? That could help explain why long COVID-19 disproportionately affects women, who are more likely than men to develop autoimmune diseases. Could microclots be the cause of symptoms ranging from memory lapses to discolored toes? That could make sense, since abnormal blood clotting can occur in COVID-19.

As these theories and others are tested, there is fresh evidence that vaccination may reduce the chances of developing long COVID.

It's too soon to know whether people infected with the highly contagious omicron variant will develop the mysterious constellation of symptoms, usually diagnosed many weeks after the initial illness. But some experts think a wave of long COVID is likely and say doctors need to be prepared for it.

With $1 billion from Congress, the National Institutes of Health is funding a vast array of research on the condition. And clinics devoted to studying and treating it are popping up around the world, affiliated with places such as Stanford University in California and University College London.

Why does it happen?

Momentum is building around a few key theories.

One is that the infection or remnants of the virus persist past the initial illness, triggering inflammation that leads to long COVID.

Another is that latent viruses in the body, such as the Epstein-Barr virus that causes mononucleosis, are reactivated. A recent study in the journal Cell pointed to Epstein-Barr in the blood as one of four possible risk factors, which also include pre-existing Type 2 diabetes and the levels of coronavirus RNA and certain antibodies in the blood. Those findings must be confirmed with more research.

A third theory is that autoimmune responses develop after acute COVID-19.

In a normal immune response, viral infections activate antibodies that fight invading virus proteins. But sometimes in the aftermath, antibodies remain revved up and mistakenly attack normal cells. That phenomenon is thought to play a role in autoimmune diseases such as lupus and multiple sclerosis.

Justyna Fert-Bober and Dr. Susan Cheng were among researchers at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles who found that some people who have had COVID-19, including cases without symptoms, have a variety of these elevated "autoantibodies" up to six months after recovering. Some are the same ones found in people with autoimmune diseases.

Another possibility is that tiny clots play a role in long COVID. Many COVID-19 patients develop elevated levels of inflammatory molecules that promote abnormal clotting. That can lead to blood clots throughout the body that can cause strokes, heart attacks and dangerous blockages in the legs and arms.

In her lab at Stellenbosch University in South Africa, scientist Resia Pretorius has found microclots in blood samples from patients with COVID-19 and in those who later developed long COVID. She also found elevated levels of proteins in blood plasma that prevented the normal breakdown of these clots.

She believes that these clotting abnormalities persist in many patients after an initial coronavirus infection and that they reduce oxygen distribution to cells and tissue throughout the body, leading to most if not all symptoms that have been linked to long COVID.

U.S. gives full approval to Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine

By MATTHEW PERRONE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. health regulators on Monday granted full approval to Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine, a shot that's already been given to tens of millions of Americans since its emergency authorization over a year ago.

The action by the Food and Drug Administration means the agency has completed the same rigorous, time-consuming review of Moderna's shot as dozens of other long-established vaccines.

The decision was bolstered by real-world evidence from the more than 200 million doses administered in the U.S. since the FDA cleared the shot in December 2020. The FDA granted full approval of Pfizer's vaccine last August.

Public health advocates initially hoped the regulatory distinction would boost public confidence in the shots. But there was no discernable bump in vaccinations after the Pfizer approval, which was heavily promoted by President Joe Biden and other federal officials. Still, regulators said Monday they hoped the extra endorsement would encourage more people to get vaccinated.

More than 211 million Americans, or 63 percent of the total population, are fully vaccinated. About 86 million people have gotten a booster dose.

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Pick Three-Evening
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system. Moving forward, the other three are BHSH Beaumont Health, BHSH Spectrum Health West Michigan and Priority Health.

A Spectrum official said Southwest Michigan locations wouldn't see any "immediate changes" to their hospital names.

"There will be no immediate changes and our existing names will remain in our local markets pending adoption of the overall branding plan by the system board," the spokesperson wrote in an email Monday.

Lakeland Health merged with Spectrum Health in 2018.

According to a news release, patients and health plan members should access care in the same ways they currently do. Patient portals for both Spectrum Health and Beaumont Health will remain the same, BHSH officials said Monday.

All patients will continue to have access to their same sites of care, physicians and health providers and insurance plans.

"Right now, how you access care, whether in person or online, remains the same," Freese Decker said.

New leadership

A joint 16-member board, with seven members from Spectrum Health and seven members from Beaumont Health, will govern the new health care system. Another board member will be named later this year, according to the release. At least three doctors must serve on the board at a time.

The new board members include:

- Christopher Carpenter, MD
- Mark Davidoff
- Doug DeVos
- Julie Fream, chair
- Tina Freese Decker, president and CEO
- Marija Grahovac, MD
- Ronald Hall
- Angel Hernandez, MD
- Philomena Mantella, Ph.D.
- Timothy O'Brien
- William Payne
- Robert Roth
- Thomas Saeli
- Michael Todman
- Sean Welsh, vice chair

The BHSH System is still recruiting some of its leadership positions.

Those in leadership include:

- Chief Digital and Information Officer: Jason Joseph
- Chief Financial Officer: Matthew Cox
- Chief Inclusion, Equity, Diversity and Social Impact Officer: Open
- Chief Integration Officer: Pamela Ries
- Chief Integrity and Risk Officer: Open
- Chief Legal Officer: David Leonard
- Chief Marketing and Consumer Experience Officer: Jeremy Harper
- Chief People Officer: Open
- Chief Strategy Officer: Open
- President, BHSH Beaumont Health: Open (Nancy Susick, RN, will serve as interim president)
- President, BHSH Spectrum Health Lakeland and Strategic Advisor, BHSH System: Loren Hamel, MD
- President, BHSH Spectrum Health West Michigan: Darryl Elmouchi, MD
- President, Priority Health: Praveen Thadani

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several positions that had no one running for them. In addition, he said there are several elected positions that need to be filled.

He said he hopes to get applications for the vacancies, which include a planning commissioner, zoning board of appeals member and St. Joseph Township meeting representative.

Stephanie Clarke said the problem of getting people to fill vacancies is not unique to the village.

"There are a ton of openings," she said when contacted by phone Monday. "... Berrien County has 74 openings listed on their website. At local restaurants, you can't make a reservation. Some of them are closed several days of the week, citing staffing issues. So this is not just an issue concerning the village of Shoreham."

When contacted Monday, Schnable said he would like to see more village residents run for public office.

The deadline to file to run for a village office is 4 p.m. July 26 with the St. Joseph Township clerk. Candidates must file an affidavit of identity and a nonpartisan nominating petition.

The withdrawal deadline is 4 p.m. July 29.

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BALLOT DRIVE

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attempt to overturn the 2020 election.

The measure was announced as Republicans in the battleground state circulate petitions for a veto-proof initiative they contend would improve election integrity. Democrats say, however, the earlier announced GOP-backed measure would restrict voting.

Promote the Vote, which successfully pushed a 2018 ballot proposal that expanded absentee voting and authorized same-day voter registration, needs roughly 425,000 valid signatures by mid-July for the proposal announced Monday to qualify for the November ballot.

"Our goal is simple really. It's to continue building a voting system that works for everyone in Michigan," said Khalilah Spencer, the group's president. Backers include groups such as Voters Not Politicians, which organized a voter-approved ballot drive that put redistricting in the hands of an independent commission, and the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan.

Since Trump falsely claimed the election was stolen, some Republican-controlled states have restricted voting by mail and made other changes such as limiting when voters can cast ballots.

In Michigan, the GOP has been unable to change election laws due to vetoes from Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, who is up for reelection along with Democratic governors in the swing states of Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

But Republicans are gathering signatures that would enable the GOP-controlled Legislature to toughen in-person voter identification rules; require people to information besides just a signature, such as a driver's license number, on absentee ballot applications; and make voters without a photo ID verify their identity within six days of an election. The governor could not veto the initiative.

The Promote the Vote measure could effectively neuter the Republican drive by enshrining current rules, including signature verification, into the state constitution while also creating new rights such as a nine-day early voting period ending the Sunday before an election. State-funded prepaid postage on absentee ballot applications and ballots would be mandatory. That currently is done by some municipalities but not others.

Other provisions would require an absentee ballot drop box in every municipality, including one for every 15,000 residents, create a tracking system for submitted ballots and allow all voters to sign a single absentee ballot application covering all future elections. Many but not all clerks already automatically mail applications to people on their permanent absent voter list.

Proponents said the proposal would ensure that elections are determined solely by the votes cast. It says that the Board of State Canvassers is the "only body" authorized to certify Michigan or federal elections.

"It makes crystal clear that the people of Michigan and not the Legislature decide the outcome of our elections in this state. And rather than taking away rights that are enjoyed by Michigan voters, it offers more secure voting options for voting in Michigan," said Nancy Wang, executive director of Voters Not Politicians.

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Attorneys Joe Paolucci, left, and Tom Hitchcock have renovated and opened Sweet Shop Cafe Italiano in downtown Buchanan.

A sweet piece of history

Attorneys restore historic Buchanan building as Italian cafe

By JULIANA KNOT
HP Staff Writer

BUCHANAN — Sweet Shop Cafe Italiano is a new business in an old spot.

Attorneys Joe Paolucci and Thomas Hitchcock opened it in downtown Buchanan, slowly increasing their offerings since then. Paolucci said they should be able to open fully in February.

The store harkens back to the Sweet Shop, which has occupied the historic building for decades and to the Italian bars that Paolucci, whose parents are from Italy, visited as a kid.

In Italy, Paolucci said, what Americans would describe as a "cafe" is referred to as a bar, despite not serving any alcohol.

"This is really in the style of an Italian bar, very much what you would find in Rome or in Milan," Paolucci said.

Customers can expect pizzas, cakes, gelato, chocolates, coffee and other treats. Paolucci said they hope to get a beer and wine license, but want to keep the atmosphere family friendly.

The reception has been very warm, as Paolucci said they've sold out of their artichoke spinach pizza, as well as the pizza Margherita.

The Sweet Shop Cafe Italiano, featuring an original counter from the 1930s, has recently opened in downtown Buchanan.

"People are aching for fresh, authentic (food), and all of our food has high-quality ingredients, fresh and handmade," Paolucci said.

The building at 205 Front St. was constructed in 1867, and the main floor became a Sweet Shop in 1947. The shop switched hands several times and eventually fell into disrepair.

"It was such a mess," Hitchcock said. "It was nasty."

The pair stripped out several

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Harry Paolucci adds Moosetrack ice cream to a waffle cone at the newly renovated Sweet Shop Cafe Italiano in downtown Buchanan.

Carra to run in 4th District

GOP primary election could include two incumbents in district

By JULIANA KNOT
HP Staff Writer

THREE RIVERS — Steve Carra announced he will run for the 4th Congressional District, competing against U.S. Rep. Bill Huizenga and possibly against U.S. Rep. Fred Upton in the Republican primary.

CARRA

Carra is a state representative who made headlines last year when he received former president Donald Trump's endorsement to run against Upton, R-St. Joseph.

Since then, the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission redrew district lines, placing Huizenga, R-Zeeland, and Upton in the 4th District.

"It doesn't matter whether there's one or two status quo Republicans in the race ..." Carra told The Herald-Palladium on Monday. "We need bold leaders."

Upton has not yet announced whether he'll run for reelection, but Huizenga decided to run after the new districts were finalized.

Three Rivers, which Carra currently represents in the state Legislature, is in the 5th District under the new MICRC map. But Carra told The Washington Examiner on Monday he's spent most of his life in the 4th District.

He told The HP he would move into the 4th District should he be elected, following the end of his term in the state Legislature.

Carra said most elected officials were complicit in handing out corporate welfare. Should he be elected, he said he wanted to transition the country to true free market economics and would avoid becoming a "yes man" for lobbyists.

"I know how the system works, but I'm not part of the system," Carra said.

The 4th District includes the Berrien County cities of St. Joseph, Benton Harbor, Coloma and Watervliet and the townships of St. Joseph, Benton, Hagar, Coloma, Watervliet and Bainbridge, as well as small sections of northwestern Lincoln Township and northwestern Oronoko Township.

It also includes all of Van Buren and Allegan counties and parts of Kalamazoo, Calhoun and Ottawa counties.

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Hemp ranch developers push for housing units

Geneva Township supervisor says plans don't coincide with ordinance

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — A company that proposed creating a hemp ranch on 64 acres of property in Geneva Township, is now focused on building 50 small housing units on the site.

TransGlobal Assets Inc. – based in Cheyenne, Wyo., with an office in Ann Arbor – made the announcement last week to work with a New York-based developer for the project.

"South Haven Hemp Ranch is to adopt a vertically integrated business model and will include a self-sustaining community of superior modular home offering off-grid-style living," TransGlobal Assets officials said in a news release. "It will consist of commercial greenhouses for year-round agriculture production and 10 acres registered for outdoor hemp cultivation."

Clearing for the project is expected to begin this spring with company officials hoping to begin hemp production in the summer of 2023.

"We are only in the beginning steps but we're all excited to be getting started," TransGlobal Assets CEO Curtis Philpot said in a Friday interview.

The proposed South Haven Hemp Ranch would be located on the south side of County Road 384, west of 68th Street.

The company obtained a license in the fall of 2021 from the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulations to grow and process hemp, and

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Kozminski gets crowned Miss Stevensville

By HP STAFF

STEVENSVILLE — Madisen Kozminski may be in college, but she was able to check off another high school experience from the list of things she missed out on.

KOZMINSKI

Kozminski, a Michigan State University freshman, was crowned Miss Stevensville 2022 over the weekend before a packed auditorium at Lakeshore High School.

"I had wanted to do the pageant my senior year and because of COVID, I didn't get the opportunity to do so," she said. "Even though I'm a freshman in college, I thought, 'Why not? I have to come back.' It's something I wanted to do, so I might as well do it."

The 19-year-old is the daughter of Dayna Black-Kozminski and Ken Kozminski, who is pursuing a degree in marketing with a minor in hospitality real estate.

Kozminski was crowned by Alyssa Steinke, Miss Stevensville 2020, who held the crown for 818 days because of the pandemic.

"I am happy to have it done for sure, but am so surprised," Kozminski said. "I thought all of the girls I competed with, we were all so even and we all had such different personalities and thought it could have been any of us."

Kozminski heads to the Miss Blossomtime Pageant in March, along with Nathan Hawks and Logan Mooney, who were both named Mr. Stevensville on Saturday.

Rounding out the Miss Stevensville court were first runner-up Claire Caplea, a junior at St. Joseph High School, second runner-up Amelia Harris, a senior at Lakeshore High School, and Miss Congeniality Alayna Bryant, also a Lakeshore senior.

The pageant, which was held at the Lakeshore Auditorium, was emceed by Sarah Spoonholtz.

Fire spreads in trash chute at BH apartments

By HP STAFF

BENTON HARBOR — The Benton Harbor Public Safety Department was called to a unique fire at River Terrace High Rise Apartments over the weekend.

On Sunday afternoon, emergency responders found a smoke alarm sounding off in an apartment on the eighth floor, where there had been a small kitchen fire.

While units were investigating the original kitchen fire, BHDPS units found heavy smoke and fire in the trash compactor room on the first floor.

The fire produced heavy amounts of smoke throughout the building, which was evacuated. According to a news release, the fire was brought under control in about 30 minutes.

The second fire stemmed from the resident who had the small kitchen fire on the eighth floor. They had disposed of still-burning debris down the trash chute, which caused the fire to break out.

The building suffered smoke and extensive water damage from the sprinklers operating on multiple floors in the trash compactor rooms.

There were no injuries and the building was turned back over to management about two hours after the initial alarm. Restoration crews are working to clean up the water and smoke damage.

Residents are advised to never dispose of debris from a fire in the trash as even the smallest ember can quickly spread. This was the second working fire in this location in the past six weeks.

Other units assisting on the scene included the Benton Township Fire Department, St. Joseph Public Safety Department and Lincoln Township Fire Department.

Berrien, Van Buren residents invited to talk with police

By HP STAFF

Residents who live in Berrien and Van Buren counties will have a chance to talk with law enforcement officers in an informal setting during two upcoming "Coffee with a Cop" events.

The two events are aimed at advancing community policing by improving relationships between police officers and community members, one cup of coffee at a time, according to Community Service Trooper Holly Higgs, of the Michigan State Police Niles Post.

"We hope community members will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring concerns, or simply get to know our troopers," Higgs said. "These interactions are the foundation of community partnerships."

Michigan State Police troopers won't be the only law enforcement personnel at the coffee get-togethers. Berrien County Sheriff's Department and Buchanan Police Department representatives will be at the event in Berrien County, while Van Buren County Sheriff's Department and

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Thomas H. Fritz

Feb. 5, 1938 ~ Jan. 31, 2022

Thomas Herman Fritz, 83, of Buchanan passed away on Monday, Jan. 31, 2022, at his home with his family by his side.

He was born Feb. 5, 1938, to Herman and Agnes Fritz in North Judson, Ind.

On Sept. 12, 1959, he married Diane Wirant in Niles.

He was a lifetime member of St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Niles.

Thomas was a U.S. Army Reserve veteran.

He was involved with Knights of Columbus and Buchanan American Legion. Thomas graduated from Indiana University and was a lifelong fan of Notre Dame. He enjoyed vacationing at De Tour Village, Mich., and spending winters in Clermont, Fla.

Thomas is survived by daughter, Tami (Scott) Smith of St. Joseph, and their children: Lyndsee (Ruben) Alvarado, Jayme (Eric) Bykowski, Haley Smith, Tyler (Ali) Smith, Kelsey (Chayse Magrane) Smith; daughter, Traci (Mike Brown) Adams of St. Joseph, and her children: Steven (Kayla) Adams, Mackenzi Adams, Cassandra Adams; son, Tom (Susan) Fritz of Mattawan, Mich., and their children: Jessica Fritz, Jenna Fritz, Thomas Fritz, Joshua Fritz; sister, Dawn (Dave) Jastryembski of South Bend, Ind.; and great-grandchildren: Luke Alvarado, Brooks Alvarado, Elijah Adams and Ophelia Adams.

He is preceded in death by his parents: Herman and Agnes; and wife, Diane.

Funeral Mass will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, at St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception Parish, 219 S. State St., Niles, MI 49120. Visitation will be held prior to mass at 11:30 a.m. Burial will follow in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Buchanan.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's School, 217 S. Lincoln Ave., Niles, MI 49120. Arrangements have been entrusted to Hoven Funeral Home Inc., Buchanan, MI. Online condolences may be made at www.hovenfunerals.com.

Lovia L. Clay

May 7, 1954 ~ Jan. 17, 2022

Rev. Lovia Lynette Clay, 67, of Benton Harbor went home to be with the Lord on Jan. 17, 2022.

A service celebrating her life will be Feb. 5, at the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Benton Harbor. The visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by the service at 10:30 a.m. Visit www.robbinsbrothersfh.com to sign the guest book online.

Lynette was born on May 7, 1954, to the union of Theodore and Lovie (Wilson) Clay. She graduated from Benton Harbor Area Schools in 1972 and attended Lake Michigan College. Lynette joined the Sounds Unlimited Gospel Ensemble and in later years The Strong Women of Faith Gospel Choir. She was employed at the Berrien County Juvenile Center, Pinkerton Security Co. in Chicago and Atlantic Automotive Manufacturing.

Lynette was ordained in 1979 and pastored The Spiritual Development Chapel of Benton Harbor for 12 years. With her vision failing, she didn't let that stop her from preaching the word, singing, shopping, dining out, traveling, or listening to Perry Mason episodes and movies.

Lynette leaves precious memories in the hearts of her sister, Lois Clay; godmother, Edna Roberts; sister, Lula Jenkins; loves: Myla, Sammy and Josiah Page; god-sisters: Patricia Martin and Katherine Wimberley-Harden; godson and daughter, Shamika and Bel Air Jones; friends: Patty Bunting, Jackie Clements, Shirley Wares, Franda Daily, Linda Hollins, and Clotee White-Johnson; brothers: Keenan Ventress, Keith Davis, Jimmy Young, Rodney Massey, DeMarco Jones; first cousins: Hardie Stewart and Valerie McNutt; and the love of her life, Nathaniel Tony.

Nancy Nemethy Wheeler

July 4, 1943 ~ Jan. 27, 2022

Nancy Nemethy Wheeler, 78, of Bainbridge Township died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022, at the Willows Assisted Living in Royalton Township.

Services celebrating her life will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Coloma. The visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the Davidson Chapel. Cremation will follow the service. Please share messages or memories at www.florin.net.

Nancy was born on July 4, 1943, in Benton Harbor to Alexander and Mary Nemethy.

She married her husband, John F. Wheeler, Jr., on Nov. 16, 1961, and together they have celebrated 60 years of marriage. Nancy was a homemaker and loved being with her family. She was a member of the Calvary Bible Church. Nancy enjoyed gardening, traveling, reading, crafting and baking for her friends and family. She especially loved reading to her grandchildren and being involved in their activities. Nancy was a soft spoken, kind and loving individual.

Her family includes her husband, John; her children: Matthew (Lisa) Wheeler of Coloma, Nathan (Connie) Wheeler of Titusville, Fla., and John (Jessica) Wheeler III of Watervliet; her brother, Frank (Marilyn) Nemethy of Coloma; her six grandchildren: Kerstin, Derek, Kegen, Marshall, Kennedy and Bruce; and her three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her three brothers: Earl, Joseph, and Robert; and her two sisters: Helen and Mary Ann.

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POLICE

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Paw Paw Police Department officials will be at the event in Van Buren County.

The get-togethers will be held on the following days and locations:

■ Berrien County: Feb. 16 from 9-11 a.m., Union Coffee House, 115 E. Front St., Buchanan.

■ Van Buren County: Feb. 16 from 8-10 a.m., Biggby Coffee, 400 S. Kalamazoo St., Paw Paw.

CAFE

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layers of drop ceilings to more than double the vertical space.

Despite the building's lackluster state, Paolucci said they were still able to include elements of the original shop. The bar, whose logo dates back before World War II, and the art deco 1930s tables are the same ones residents have ordered and sipped malts on decades ago.

"This is the sweet shop that they've always known, but we've cleaned it up," Paolucci said. "We've validated it. We've repaired it. We have everything back in working order."

However, some things have changed. The mirror behind the bar is new, as are the candy-colored light fixtures and the family bathroom, which has Italian marble flooring. Paolucci said they got rid of the booths for mobility reasons.

They hope to expand into the building next door, which they already own. The expansion would allow them to create garden seating for customers.

Older Buchanan residents have commented on how the restaurant brings back memories from when they were kids.

"I think this not only appeals to those young kids, but people who grew up here," Hitchcock said.

A woman came in with her husband and told Paolucci and Hitchcock how they met at a booth in the Sweet Shop.

The restoration is part of a larger effort by the pair to make downtown Buchanan a better place for families to live, work and hang out.

They own several other buildings on Front Street, which they've rehabilitated to contain rental space, offices and a cannabis store. The Sweet Shop also has two renovated apartments above it.

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RANCH

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surveyed the wooded property, Philpot said. TransGlobal Assets hired Steiner Associates, a Livonia-based architectural firm to design plans for the site.

"Indeed, we do have plenty more planning to do, we will keep a natural look and work with the beautiful landscape," Philpot said. "We have allocated 15 acres inside the Hemp Ranch for the mini homes, off-grid-style community, hopefully to be located close to CR 384."

The homes, to be manufactured by Merati Homes, which was formed by entrepreneur Kadi Kohea two years ago, would be a mix of pre-designed studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom units, ranging in size from 312 to 504 square feet.

Homes would come fully furnished with new appliances, a full-size bathroom, complete cabinetry, sofa, dining table and chairs and queen-size bed.

The homes would be rented on long-term or short-term leases to Hemp Ranch workers or guests.

"Merati will build and manage the properties and provide a turn-key living experience for guests," Kohea said. "We expect to be fully ready for guests by spring 2023 and are trying to improve on that timeline."

When its hemp ranch is operational, TransGlobal Assets plans to grow and process CBD products to be sold through its brand, Monster Elixer, a subsidiary of the company, Philpot said. Initially, the company plans to employ 25 people at the Geneva Township site.

Rendering provided / Merati Homes

A Merati modular home, shown above, is being pitched for a subdivision in the South Haven Hemp Ranch, proposed for a 64-acre site in Geneva Township.

The Now Corp., will also be partnering with TransGlobal Assets with the development and operation of the Hemp Ranch.

"The Now Corp. is the research and development aspect of this partnership," Philpot said. "The Now Corp. will be doing onsite research to advance the study of CBD and will be providing information for optional educational tours."

The Geneva Township site would be the first hemp ranch the company has developed, according to Philpot, who became CEO of TransGlobal Assets in 2019.

"South Haven will be the first of many," he said.

However, Geneva Township Supervisor Nancy Whaley said the company will have to obtain approval from the township board before commencing with its plans for a residential subdivision. As of now, the plans don't meet the township's ordinance regarding residential structures.

"This company has not been in contact with Geneva Township," Whaley said. "A developer is only allowed two units of 840 square feet on any one property unless they make it a subdivision and then each lot can house one dwelling unit of 640 square feet or more. Then, there are other specific rules they have to follow and the township board must approve."

Philpot said TransGlobal Assets and Merati Homes plans to meet with township officials regarding the residential development plants for the Hemp Ranch.

"Merati Homes engineering will be in contact with the township planning commission and work with them directly," he said.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Bloodhound's clue
5 Links goal
8 On the — vive
11 Rozelle or Sampras
12 Europe-Asia range
14 Mdse. bars
15 Ballet costume
16 Gambler's town
17 Simian
18 Drab, as colors
20 Teed off
22 Printer's measures
23 Bound with string
24 Knoll
27 Shoe fillers
29 Ship deserter
30 Grow smaller
34 Rapid-fire
37 Himalayan gazelle
38 Cato's bear
39 Reeves of "The Matrix"
41 Running shoe name
43 Night flyer
44 Strong and lean
46 Dalai Lama's city
49 A Gabor
50 Black-hearted
52 Close at hand
54 Energy
55 Strauss of jeans
56 Marching band need
57 Explosive ltrs.
58 Realize
59 Pants feature

DOWN

1 Cast a vote
2 — ex machina
3 Herr von Bismarck
4 Deli sandwich
5 Hums along
6 Is, for them
7 Diatribe
8 Tremble
9 Raised the stakes
10 Finished a cake
13 Daily
19 Come to a conclusion

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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21 Make a footnote
24 Bride's title
25 Nutritious grain
26 Hagen of "The Other"
27 Greek salad cheese
28 Kind of system
30 Prosecutors, for short
31 Turkish potentate
32 Father's lad
33 — de cologne
35 Salad veggie
36 Needlework craft
39 Meter reading
40 Veld grazers
41 He played Phileas Fogg
42 Out of place
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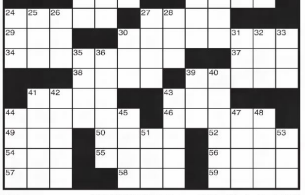
45 First name in fashion
47 Racehorse parent
48 Water, in Tijuana
51 "— Gotta Be Me"
53 Muser's mumbling



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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ATRGN

FOREF

DHINED

SBRUDA

What are you sketching?
I've been messing around with an idea for a ceiling fan to cool off the room.
THE INVENTION OF ROTARY CEILING FANS IN THE MID-1860S BEGAN WITH A ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: WHIRL TRULY SONATA ATRIUM
Answer: When asked what body of water was named after Magellan, he answered — "STRAIT" AWAY

KAKURO

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★

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BRIDGE

All beginners learn that they need about 26 points for game in no-trump or a major and 29 points for game in a minor. At best, these are rough guidelines. When there are voids and singletons around, often it is possible to make game with far fewer points. In "Moonraker," James Bond made seven clubs redoubled with 8 high-card points in his hand and a Yarborough in the dummy. Of course, it didn't hurt that he knew the deck had been rigged. Today's deal was also unusual. The North-South hands contained no voids, only one singleton and just 19 combined points, but Bond brought home his five-diamond contract.

Cover the East-West hands. West cashed the heart king and heart ace (leading king from ace-king at the five-level and higher) before shifting to a spade. Bond drew trumps in three rounds, West having a singleton. How did declarer continue?

Three diamonds was a brave 007 bid, but the secondary club support strengthened his hand.

Bond had to play the club suit for no losers. There were two chances: West had a singleton king or East a singleton jack. In the former case, Bond would cash dummy's club ace, then finesse East out of his jack. In the latter, he would lead the queen from his hand, pinning East's jack and finessing West out of his king.

Which was more likely? Given that West had a singleton diamond, he was unlikely to have a singleton club as well. Therefore, Bond led the club queen from his hand. When the jack appeared from East, Bond claimed his contract and smiled at his partner, Miss Moneypenny.

North 01-31-22
♠ A
♥ 8 3
♦ Q 10 4 2
♣ A 10 9 6 5 3 2

West
♠ K 6 4
♥ A K Q 10 6 2
♦ J
♣ K 8 7

East
♠ Q J 9 7 5 2
♥ J 7 5
♦ 9 7 5
♣ J

South
♠ 10 8 3
♥ 9 4
♦ A K 8 6 3
♣ Q 4 3

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
		1♥	2♣
2♦	4♥	5♦	2♥ All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

3	7		1		6	9		
				2	9	6	7	3
			3	7				
4	6	1		8			2	
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	2			1		8	5	4
				4	8			
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		4	2		7		9	5

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

5	7	2	1	6	4	3	8	9
9	3	6	2	5	8	1	4	7
8	1	4	9	7	3	2	5	6
3	9	8	5	2	1	6	7	4
4	2	7	6	3	9	8	1	5
6	5	1	4	8	7	9	3	2
7	8	9	3	4	6	5	2	1
1	4	5	8	9	2	7	6	3
2	6	3	7	1	5	4	9	8

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago - 1997

Lakeshore bounced back from a two-game skid in a big way Friday night by outgunning Berrien Springs 90-59 in the Lancer gym. The win keeps Lakeshore just 1 ½ games behind Brandywine (a 42-41 winner over River Valley) in the Lakeland Conference boys' basketball race.

35 years ago - 1987

Sturgis is turning out to be Lakeshore's nemesis this year. The Sturgis girls captured the 20-team Lake Michigan College Invitational volleyball championship Saturday by crushing the Lancers 15-11 and 15-2.

50 years ago - 1972

The donkey basketball game at Upton Junior High School will be played Friday instead of Saturday. The game, to be played in the Upton gym, will match the school's ninth grade team and a group of male faculty members.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 2022. There are 333 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Feb. 1, 1960, four Black college students began a sit-in protest at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, where they'd been refused service.

On this date:

In 1790, the U.S. Supreme Court convened for the first time in New York. (However, since only three of the six justices were present, the court recessed until the next day.)

In 1862, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," a poem by Julia Ward Howe, was published in the Atlantic Monthly.

In 1865, abolitionist John S. Rock became the first Black lawyer admitted to the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1943, during World War II, one of America's most highly decorated military units, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up almost exclusively of Japanese-Americans, was authorized.

In 1959, men in Switzerland rejected giving women the right to vote by a more than 2-1 referendum margin. (Swiss women gained the right to vote in 1971.)

In 1979, Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of exile.

In 1991, 34 people were killed when an arriving USAir jetliner crashed atop a commuter plane on a runway at Los Angeles International Airport.

In 1994, Jeff Gillooly, Tonya Harding's ex-husband, pleaded guilty in Portland, Oregon, to racketeering for his part in the attack on figure skater Nancy Kerrigan in exchange for a 24-month sentence (he ended up serving six months) and a $100,000 fine.

In 2003, the space shuttle Columbia broke up during re-entry, killing all seven of its crew members: commander Rick Husband; pilot William McCool; payload commander Michael Anderson; mission specialists Kalpana Chawla, David Brown and Laurel Clark; and payload specialist Ilan Ramon, the first Israeli in space.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Rain Likely	Rain & Snow Likely	Snow Likely	Snow Likely	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
40°	25°	28° / 16°	21° / 6°	18° / 4°	20° / 12°

Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with an 80% chance of rain, high temperature of 40°, humidity of 79%. South wind 11 to 18 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with an 85% chance of rain and snow, overnight low of 25°. West southwest wind 7 to 11 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:58 a.m.
Sunset ..... 6:00 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 8:43 a.m.
Moonset ..... 6:34 p.m.

New 2/1 · First 2/8 · Full 2/16 · Last 2/23

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High ..... 32°
Low ..... 26°
Normal High ..... 32°
Normal Low ..... 17°
Record High ..... 56° in 2012
Record Low ..... -18° in 2019

Precipitation

Yesterday ..... 0.00"
Month to date ..... 0.09"
Normal for month ..... 1.75"
Year to date ..... 0.09"
Normal Year to date ..... 1.75"

Air Quality

Yesterday 102
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

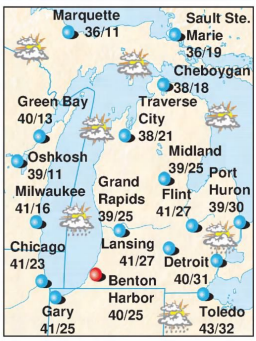
0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 ..... Sensitive
151-200 ..... Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

What is the temperature of lightning?

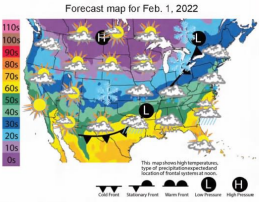
Answer: It is estimated at 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

Regional Map



National Weather Map

Forecast map for Feb. 1, 2022



For latest weather updates: **www.wxtogo.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, S wind 18 to 23 kt. Rain likely. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 34 degrees. Tonight, SW wind 8 to 14 kt. Rain and snow. Waves 1 ft or less.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 30s. South wind 13 to 17 mph. Expect cloudy skies Wednesday with highs in the 10s and 20s. Northwest wind 9 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread rain, highs in the 30s and 40s. South wind 11 to 18 mph. Expect cloudy skies Wednesday with widespread snow, highs in the 20s and 30s. North wind 10 to 14 mph.

BAKER

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a copy of the Hittites' cuneiform tablet version. I think it's displayed in the U.N. building because they recognize the importance of this first international peace treaty of significance between major world superpowers. That kind of acts as a model.

And the treaty itself, some envoys, some ambassadors have come from the Hittites with the peace treaty in cuneiform on silver tablets. They're going to present to Ramesses, and then Ramesses is going to copy.

And so some ancient scribe for Ramesses, maybe a team of them, is to going to have them translated into hieroglyphs and put it up on the wall at Carnak and a couple other places. But (Carnak is) the best version we have.

It basically says have peace and stop fighting. And also says, you'll protect my descendants. My lineage will keep ruling, and you'll defend them. If some slaves run away, you'll send them back. We'll give each other gifts – that sort of thing.

So it's more than just peace, but it definitely involves peace, even though some scholars would argue about whether it's really about peace. It definitely has to be peace.

What exactly is your role in this project handling the treaty?

I'm an epigraphist and artist. This year, my role was really to do the preliminary, preparatory work of trying to get familiar with the hieroglyphs that are actually on the wall. I'm part of a bigger project – the Great Hypostyle Hall project.

It's actually directed by Peter Brand at the University of Memphis and Jean Reves ... It's a joint project to record accurately for science all the hieroglyphs, all the inscriptions in the Great Hypostyle Hall, which is the most glorious part of the template of Amun. (It's) the biggest and the most glorious part of the Temple of Carnak. This still exists.

In the process of doing this, recording all these accurately, we're using photogrammetry – and eventually – maybe next year or so, we'll take this photogrammetry of the images, which (we) are using a computer to help us get (the images) accurately, using light sensitivity and distancing.

Then we draw them, using computer programs like Photoshop or InDesign or whatever, and some other programs to actually line draw all the images, all the hieroglyphs. So my role this year was just to get preliminarily familiar with the hieroglyphs, see what's actually on the wall.

It's been translated many times. It's been interpreted many times. It has been transliterated. But even this year, I found a couple mistakes – things that we thought it said because it's what we're familiar with, but actually on the wall, it's different. And that's going to help us in other ways.

Are there any misconceptions about ancient Egypt that just bug you?

Yeah, the one that you've probably seen (are) the memes going around about emojis being the modern version of hieroglyphs. Emojis are useful, especially when you're texting someone, and you can't communicate emotion so it gives you that.

Emojis are fantastic, but hieroglyphs are an actual full language. It has all the grammar, all the bits that maybe you don't like in school and struggle with. Well, it's all there. All of it: prepositions, everything, everything else. Plus, hieroglyphs go beyond that.

Each hieroglyph letter (and) character could have either one sound or might have two sounds or three sounds. So there are different hieroglyphs for each of those categories. And so you're allowed to spell words in different ways.

So imagine you're writing on a stone wall. You kind of run out of space at some point, right? But you can re-spell, so to speak. The spelling of the word is the same, but the way you portray that with the hieroglyphs changes with how you stack them and the ones you choose to use, based on space.

When you have a little longer space, maybe you'll use the single letter hieroglyphs. Can you shorten space? Maybe you'll use the two or three sound hieroglyphs – kind of shortened a little bit, but it still is the same word. So knowing what they did and how they were able to expand and contract to give some possibilities.

Also, hieroglyphs have determinatives. So like ... if I say "sea" to you, for example, you wouldn't know if I'm talking about a body of water, or maybe something you do with the eyes or maybe a letter of the alphabet. But if I put a ripple of water after it, then you know that when I say "sea," I mean a body of water. So that's a determinative.

And hieroglyphs have that to help us understand what they mean by the certain homophones that are being used and other things. So that gives a little bit more meaning, a little more flexibility and more clarity even.

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SPECIAL NOTICE
Board of Education Vacancy Notice
January 27, 2022

The Hartford District is seeking applications for the current vacant position on the Board of Education. An individual will be appointed to fill the vacant position through December 31, 2022 and will be replaced by the individual elected to the position (based upon the November 8, 2022 election results) on January 1, 2023.

To be eligible, a person must be a qualified school elector. This means that the candidate must be a registered voter in the school district where he or she is a candidate. A candidate must be at least 18 years of age; a citizen of the United States; a resident of the state of Michigan for at least 30 days; and a resident of the school district on or before the 30th day prior to the date of the appointment. Property ownership isn't a requirement for candidacy.

Interested persons must submit a letter expressing interest in the board position and their qualifications for the position to the district office at Hartford Public Schools, 115 School Street, Hartford, MI 49057, no later than 12:00 p.m. on February 14, 2022. Following a review of the submitted materials, the board will schedule interviews with selected candidates. The board reserves the right to select the number of candidates who will be interviewed for the board vacancy. If you have any questions concerning the role of the Board of Education and the responsibilities of aboard member, please contact Kelly Millin, Superintendent of Hartford Public Schools, at (269) 621-7000.

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Athlete Spotlight

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Benton Harbor's Desrae Kyles shoots over Waverly's Jasmine Brown during Friday night's game in Benton Harbor.

Desrae Kyles:

Tall Tiger taking a big step forward

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

Desrae Kyles has been on the Benton Harbor varsity girls basketball team since she was a freshman thanks to her height, but the 6-4 junior is showing that there's more to her game than just size.

Benton Harbor has won seven straight after a slow start and is now 8-3, and Kyles has been a big reason for the Tigers' success. She had 30 points and 19 rebounds in Friday's 49-47 comeback win over Lansing Waverly, 29 points and 16 boards in a 55-31 win over Michigan Lutheran, and 21 points and 10 rebounds in a 44-42 win over Brandywine.

"We're just now scratching the surface," Benton Harbor coach Kenny Jackson said. "We've got good people around her that are going to tell her the truth. I won't tell you you're great until you start showing you're great. You're not great just because you're tall.

"She has a great sense of humor. She's just a goofy girl. At times I've got to remember she's a kid."

Kyles has played a variety of other sports, including track, volleyball and softball, but basketball is her favorite. She hopes to someday play at the college and maybe even professional levels.

What's it like to be that tall?

It's hard to find jeans that fit. You can grab stuff off shelves, you can help somebody else grab stuff off shelves. I actually like it.

When did you start playing basketball?

I started playing basketball around seventh, eighth grade. I was at a different school, I came to Benton Harbor my eighth grade year.

What's your favorite thing about basketball?

My favorite thing about basketball is blocking shots. It's easy for me to get up, and I'm athletic enough to get over there to block them.

What has your development been like as a basketball player?

Seventh and eighth grade I was tall, but I wasn't as strong. My strength came ninth grade, 10th grade year. It was hard rebounding, because I was a little flimsy. Since I got to the high school and coach Jackson, I've been getting stronger because they push me. I was battling seniors and juniors as a freshman.

What have you learned from coach Jackson?

Coach Jackson's my favorite person. I'm not going to say he babies us, but we get whatever we want from him. But it comes with something – you have to push through the fatigue.

Tell me about your team and the success you're having.

Me and my team, we're goofy, I'm not going to lie. We get in that laughing stage, but we know when it's time to lock up. Like (against Waverly), and against Brandywine, we knew it was time. We had to step our game up.

Do you play basketball outside of school, like AAU?

I just started with a new team, Michigan Crossover, EYBL. I was here with Impact, which is a small program, but we were traveling. I haven't started with them yet, but I went to one tryout. But the girls I went against at the tryouts were tough, so I know it's going to be hard.

The Herald-Palladium's Athlete Spotlight, sponsored by Whirlpool Corp., appears weekly on Tuesday in The HP Sports section during the school year. Athletes are chosen by HP staff members. Suggestions for Athlete Spotlight are welcome. Email suggestions to sports@TheHP.com. Athletes are limited to one selection per school year.

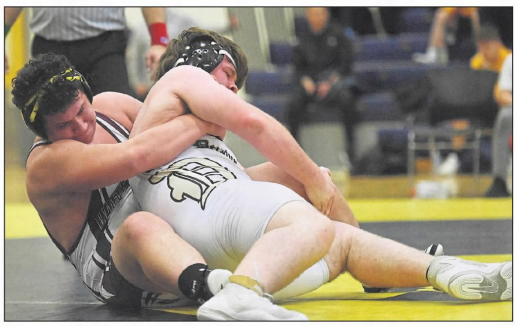
Winning at the wire

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Lakeshore's Cameron Litaker works against St. Joseph's Landon Thomas during their 125 pound championship match Saturday during the Berrien County Wrestling Invitational held at St. Joseph High School. Litaker won the match.

Lakeshore holds off St. Joseph to win Greater Berrien County Wrestling Invitational

St. Joseph's Nolan Wertanen defeats Lakeshore's Cole Lausch during their 119 pound championship match Saturday during the Berrien County Wrestling Invitational held at St. Joseph High School.



Watervliet's Eli Marshall works against Decatur's Tanner Shugars during their 285 pound championship match Saturday during the Berrien County Wrestling Invitational held at St. Joseph High School. Marshall won the match.

By AL AREND
HP Sports Correspondent

ST. JOSEPH — Lakeshore wrestlers, powered by five individual champions, claimed yet another Greater Berrien County Wrestling Invitational team title here Saturday.

Coach Bruce Bittenbender's Lancers, rated No. 5 in Division 2, used their superior strength in the championship round to edge out neighborhood rival St. Joseph in the Bears' fieldhouse.

The Lancers piled up 239 points to the ninth-rated Bears 217 ½. Both teams put wrestlers in the finals of six different weight classes, but the Lancers produced five champs to the Bears two.

"That turned out to be the difference," stated Bittenbender, whose teams have now won 29 of 41 county meet titles. "It was really tight going in (to the finals). St. Joe has a very balanced team and they did a great job. We struggled a little bit in some of those early matches today, but I'm pleased. This is our fourth invitational title this year."

Going into the finals, Lakeshore held a slim 3 ½-point lead (205 to 201.5) over St. Joseph.

Winning crowns for the Lancers were Vernon Riggins (103), Cameron Litaker (125), undefeated Aaron Lucio (135), Zam Thompson (145), and Micah Hanau (152). Perhaps the key title

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New Chicago Bears coach and GM focus on making big changes

By GENE CHAMBERLAIN
Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — The Chicago Bears are intent on taking a different approach under new coach Matt Eberflus and general manager Ryan Poles.

Stating this and accomplishing it can be separate situations, as the Bears have discovered in the past.

"We're gonna build through the draft," Poles said Monday. "We're gonna acquire young, fast and physical football players. We're gonna be selective through free agency. And we're gonna connect evaluation with valuation."

The same was often said by the previous Ryan and Matt in charge of the Bears, coach Matt Nagy and GM Ryan Pace, who were fired after a 6-11 season.

However, when the new Bears coach and GM held their first news conference with reporters at Halas Hall, they made it clear they are more about process than promises. Both spoke at length about laying a foundation for success.

"It's always about the why equals winning," Eberflus said.

Eberflus served as Frank Reich's defensive coordinator for four years in Indianapolis and seemed a curious hire considering the greatest Bears problems for decades have been on offense. Plus, they are trying to break in a new quarterback in Justin Fields.

Fields remains a point of emphasis.

"I remember watching Justin (in college) a lot," Poles said. "I'm close with Ryan Day as well, the head coach of Ohio State. And like any player, support and development, getting back to the details, doing the fundamentals and taking the approach to reach that ceiling, and that's hard and that's detail. And I'm excited to see him grow."

Fields has no problem playing for a head coach from the defensive side of the ball.

"I really just like the way he carries himself," Fields said. "Just his demeanor, I feel like his presence – he's confident when he talks, he knows what he wants to do, he has a plan set in stone, and I'm just ready to lead with him and just get ready for next year."

To help in that regard Eberflus hired Packers quarterbacks coach Luke Getsy as offensive coordinator.

"He's special because he's tough,

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Freshmen lead No. 9 Duke to rout of Irish

By JOHN FINERAN
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND — In his last visit with his Duke basketball team to Notre Dame's Purcell Pavilion, coach Mike Krzyzewski couldn't have been more pleased with the defensive effort of his No. 9 Blue Devils.

"We played really good defense, and to me that was the story of the game," Krzyzewski said after freshman Paolo Banchero scored 21 points, classmate A.J. Griffin added 13 and each had a team-high nine rebounds as Duke handed Notre Dame its first home loss of the season in a 57-43 Atlantic Coast Conference rout Monday night.

Duke 57 Notre Dame 43

The Blue Devils (18-3, 8-2 ACC) pulled into a first-place tie with idle Miami with their fourth straight victory for Krzyzewski, who dominated almost from the start, especially on the boards against his former protégé, Mike Brey. Notre Dame, which entered the game 9-0 at home this season with victories over Kentucky and North Carolina, saw its four-game winning streak end and fell to 14-7 overall and 7-3 in the ACC.

"If you would have told me they would have scored 57 in our building," Brey said, "I figured we'd have escaped or come close to it. You've got to give credit to their defense. We missed a bunch of layups early that kind of make you feel like you can believe, and then we were digging out of a hole."

The 6-foot-10, 250-pound Banchero, who entered the game leading the ACC in scoring at 18.9 points a game and was second in rebounding with 9.4 per game, echoed his coach's sentiments about his team's defensive effort which limited the Irish to just 27.9 percent shooting (17 of 61).

"We knew they were a great 3-point (shooting) team so we wanted to run them off the line," said Banchero. "With our bigs, we wanted to protect the paint as well. We had a good game plan coming in."

The Blue Devils, who shot 39.4 percent (26 of 66), outrebounded the smaller Irish 51-36. Mark Williams adding eight and his team-high three blocks.

"We didn't perform the way we wanted to offensively even though it was a low-scoring game," said grad transfer Paul Atkinson Jr., the only Irish player in double figures with 14 points who also had nine rebounds.

Leading scorers Blake Wesley and Dane Goodwin, who were each averaging 15 points or more this season, were held to six and zero points on a combined 3-of-22 shooting, including 0-for-5 in 3-pointers. Goodwin, a senior guard who had scored at least one point in 86 straight games, had entered the game with 20 double-digit scoring efforts this season.

The game was the makeup of a Jan. 1 game postponed by COVID concerns in the Duke program, and Notre Dame led just once at 2-0.

Big picture

Duke: The Blue Devils opened a 13-point halftime lead, 27-14, despite shooting just 37.5 percent (12 of 32) from the field. That's because Duke out-rebounded the Irish 29-19 behind seven rebounds by John and six by Banchero, who had seven points in the first half.

Notre Dame: Brey's Irish looked anything but like a second-place ACC team in falling behind 27-14 at halftime. "It was disappointing," Brey said. "I know they are disappointed. I was thinking we're going to get going in the second half. They had 27 at halftime and we were really ugly on the offensive end. The stuff we missed around the basket was very deflating."

Poll implications

Duke remained No. 9 in the weekly Associated Press Top 25 poll released earlier Monday, the only ACC team ranked. Miami and Notre Dame were among the other schools receiving votes.

Coach K farewell tour

Brey, who was a Duke assistant under Krzyzewski from 1987-1985, including the 1991 and '92 teams that won the first of his five NCAA titles, saluted his former boss during a halftime video. The game was a sellout – Notre Dame's first home sellout since Duke visited here in 2019 with freshman sensation Zion Williamson and won handily, 83-61.

Up next

Duke: Saturday at North Carolina.

Notre Dame: In the midst of a five-game stretch over 11 days, the Irish travel to ACC first-place Miami Wednesday.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Champions of the Berrien County Wrestling Invitational, held Saturday at St. Joseph High School, include, front row, from left: Lakeshore's Vernon Riggins-103 pounds, Niles' Conner Pickens-112 pounds, St. Joseph Wertanen-119 pounds, Lakeshore's Cameron Litaker-125 pounds, Coloma's Caeleb Ishmael-130 pounds, Lakeshore's Aaron Lucio-135 pounds, South Haven's Ray Woodall-140 pounds. Back row, from left: Lakeshore's Zam Thompson-145 pounds, Lakeshore's Micah Hanau-152 pounds, Paw Paw's William Bradley-160 pounds, St. Joseph's Jacob Halsey-171 pounds, Constantine's Bennett Vandenberg-189 pounds, Edwardsburg's Andrew Harris-215 pounds, Watervliet's Eli Marshall-285 pounds.

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matchup was Litaker's 3-1 revenge win over St. Joseph's Landon Thomas, who had beaten Litaker a week ago by the same score.

"That was huge," noted Bittenbender.

Winning crowns for St. Joseph were undefeated and two-time defending state champion Nolan Wertanen at 119, and fellow senior Jacob "Luke" Halsey at 171.

Wertanen last Thursday committed to continue his academic and wrestling career at the University of Michigan. He has a 4.3 grade point average.

"That was simply great news to hear," praised St. Joseph coach Taylor Misel.

In a vote of coaches, Wertanen was named winner of the Michelle Kruse Award for the meet's most outstanding lower weight wrestler. Lakeshore's Micah Hanau won the Nathan Broehm Award for the meet's outstanding upper weight grappler.

Niles, Coloma, South Haven, Paw Paw, Constantine, Brandywine and Watervliet each produced one champion. Paw Paw's William Bradley recorded his 150th career victory in his title match. Coloma's Caeleb Ishmael (130), Watervliet heavyweight Eli Marshall, South Haven's Ray Woodall (140), Niles' Conner Pickens (112), Brandywine's Phillip McLaurin (215) and Constantine's Bennett Vandenberg (189) were the invitational's other champions.

The Lancers and Bears will collide again this coming Saturday when St. Joseph hosts the Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference meet. And they could meet again in the D2 team district finals at Lakeshore on Wednesday, Feb. 9. In district openers, St. Joseph meets Mattawan, and Lakeshore takes on Paw Paw.

Team scores

1. Lakeshore 239, 2. St. Joseph 217.5, 3. Edwardsburg 176, 4. Paw Paw 151, 5. Lawton 91, 6. Decatur 86.5, 7. Constantine 84.5, 8. Niles 80, 9. Brandywine 64, 10. Dowagiac 59.5, 11. Watervliet 53, 12, South Haven 44, 13. Coloma 39, 14. Marcellus 15, 15. Eau Claire 11.5, 16. Cassopolis 5.5, 17. River Valley 0.

Championship Round

103 – Vernon Riggins (Lakeshore) p. Brady Baker (Lakeshore) 2:15.
112 – Conner Pickens (Niles) m.d. Noah Dahlke (St. Joseph) 12-3.
119 – Nolan Wertanen (St. Joseph) p. Cole Lausch (Lakeshore) 5:18.
125 – Cameron Litaker (Lakeshore) d. Landon Thomas (St. Joseph) 3-1.
130 – Caeleb Ishmael (Coloma) m.d. Jack Sherman (St. Joseph) 10-0.
135 – Aaron Lucio (Lakeshore) t.f. JJ Crall (Lawton) 19-4.
140 – Ray Woodall (South Haven) d. Gabe Soler (St. Joseph) 6-2.
145 – Zam Thompson (Lakeshore) m.d. Niko Martinez (Paw Paw) 15-5.
152 – Micah Hanau (Lakeshore) t.f. Gavin Schoff (Brandywine) 17-2.
160 – William Bradley (Paw Paw) d. Carter Cosby (Lawton) 9-2.
171 – Jacob Halsey (St. Joseph) d. Nathan Andrina (Edwardsburg) 5-1.
189 – Bennett VandenBerg (Constantine) d. Gavin Boot (Decatur) 5-2.
215 – Andrew Harris (Edwardsburg) d. Phil McLaurin (Brandywine) 4-3.
285 – Eli Marshall (Watervliet) d. Tanner Shugars (Decatur) 9-4.

Third Place

103 – Austin Garcia (Lawton) m.d. Del Ray Williams (Coloma) 12-1; 112 – Evan Wilkes (St. Joseph) d. Kaiden Reith (Brandywine) 7-6; 119 – Jordan Simpson (Dowagiac) d. Caleb Mallory (Lawton) 11-5; 125 – Dustin Mallory (Lawton) by forfeit Drake Heath (Brandywine); 130 – Kyle Stampfly (Lakeshore) d. Israel Villegas (Dowagiac) 6-5; 135 – Eric Dennas (Constantine) d. Braedyn Baryo (Lakeshore) 7-4; 140 – Nolan Bergline/Paw Paw) by forfeit Andrew Confer (Decatur); 145 – Colten Strawderman (Edwardsburg) p. Elan Nelson (St. Joseph) 1:00; 152 – Yazan Farhan (St. Joseph) d. Julian Meares-Fiewellen (Niles) 3-1; 160 – Sam Rucker (Niles) p. Julian Hawthorne (Constantine) 3:22; 171 – Jason Bowers (Paw Paw) d. Zach Wiggins (Decatur) 7-1; 189 – Gavin Turk (Paw Paw) d. Brayden Zimmerman (Niles) 3-1; 215 – Austin George (Paw Paw) d. Greg Reed (Constantine) 4-0; 285 – Landon Mikel (Edwardsburg) p. Brenton Dunn (Lakeshore) 4:15.

Fifth Place

103 – Caden Manfred (Edwardsburg) d. Marcus Lowery (St. Joseph) 2-1; 112 – Taurin Zimpleman (Edwardsburg) d. Tyler Perkkio (Paw Paw) 11-10; 119 – Braden Lundgren (Edwardsburg) t.f. Preston Like (Constantine) 17-2; 125 – Keegan Parsons (Edwardsburg) p. Johnny Fonseca (Paw Paw) 2:35; 130 – Nick Eaton (Edwardsburg) p. Earl Shaw (Edwardsburg) 1:43; 135 – Andrew Castellucci (Edwardsburg) d. Gavin Keller (St. Joseph) 5-0; 140 – Kent Heppler (Lakeshore) d. Jeff Woollett (Watervliet) 9-6; 145 – Zach Gettig (Dowagiac) p. Carson Shugars (Decatur) 1:42; 152 – Zac Zache (Edwardsburg) p. Roderic Yelding (South Haven) 1:40; 160 – Andrew Byerle (Lakeshore) p. Andrew Hartman (Dowagiac) 3:49; 171 -Trayle Marsh (Marcellus) p. Corby Heflin (Niles) 1:00; 189 – Matt Morris (St. Joseph) d. Austin Mark (Edwardsburg) 6-0; 215 – Ismael Pena (Decatur) p. Elijah Turner (St. Joseph) 1:29; 285 – Gavin Parker (Paw Paw) p. Greg Crawford (Constantine) 2:27.

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innovative, smart and he works well with team," Eberflus said. "He's a big team guy, so I'm excited about where he is. He's been on my radar for a while."

On the other side of the ball, Eberflus plans to bring in a 4-3 defensive scheme, but won't be calling the plays himself. His defensive coordinator hire will be important.

"I do believe that to be the head football coach and be efficient at that, you are exactly the head football coach, so I can be involved in all aspects of the game," Eberflus said. "So the defensive coordinator we hire will call the defensive plays. I will not do that."

The defense they will install is drastically different from the 3-4 the Bears played over the past seven seasons. It reverts to a style they used for over a decade under coach Lovie Smith, the most recent time the team went to a Super Bowl 16 years ago.

"And we want to bring that same style here, to encompass what we're doing," Eberflus said. "In terms of hitting, taking the ball away, playing with maximum intensity and being smart about how we do it."

The Colts finished top 10 during the past four years in takeaways under Eberflus, and were second this season. The Bears have struggled to get takeaways over the past three seasons.

Whatever they do strategically, they'll still need more talent. The team Eberflus and Poles take over has only one of the top five wide receivers under contract for 2022, and finished 30th in passing in 2021.

However, it wouldn't be a surprise if some of their offseason moves involved the offensive line first. The Bears allowed more sacks (59) than any NFL team.

In that regard, it helps having a GM from Kansas City's front office who once signed with the Bears as an undrafted free agent, and played tackle at Boston College.

"I think it starts with the foundation of the offensive line and establishing that run game, which then leads to explosive plays," Poles said. "We have to continue to work on that, get that to a level and I think you will see more points scored and more efficiency, more explosive plays, everything plays off that.

"So that's going to be a focal point."

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

GIRLS BASKETBALL

LAKESHORE 73, BERRIEN SPRINGS 22

BERRIEN SPRINGS (22)
Allison Weigand 1 0-0 2, Kaari Hurley 0 0-1 0, Grace Constable 3 3-4 9, Taneya Shivers 3 4-6 11. Totals: 7 7-11 22.
LAKESHORE (73)
Gabby Holloway 2 0-0 5, Megan Wurster 1 2-4 4, Isabella Chavez 3 0-0 6, D'kara Scott 3 2-5 9, Ainsley Ashby 1 0-2 2, Paige Lies 2 1-1 5, Riley Pifer 3 1-1 7, Emily Lockman 2 4-4 9, Gabriella Conway 12 2-3 26. Totals: 29 12-20 73.
B. Springs 7 8 4 3 — 22
Lakeshore 16 20 20 17 — 73
3-point goals – Berrien Springs 1 (Shivers), Lakeshore 3 (Solloway, Scott, Lockman). Total fouls – Berrien Springs 15, Lakeshore 15. Fouled out – none. Rebounds – Constable (BSp) 8.

LAWRENCE 33, LM CATHOLIC 32

LAWRENCE (33)
Shelbi Rindfield 5 0-0 10, Riley Sinkler 1 1-3 3, Savannah Peek 2 0-6 4, Addison Gendron 0 2-2 2, Kaylee Stroud 5 0-2 14. Totals: 13 3-13 33.
LM CATHOLIC (32) Jo Marsh 0 0-2 0, Claire LaSata 0 2-4 2, Cindy Stutz 2 0-0 4, Chloe Mills 1 0-0 2, Abby Schrauben 11 2-4 24. Totals: 14 4-10 32.
3-point goals – Lawrence 4 (Stroud 4), Catholic 0. Other stats – Lawrence: Stroud 6 rebounds; Rindfield 6 steals; Peek 4 13 rebounds. Catholic: Schrauben 11 rebounds; LaSata 5 assists. JV – Catholic 43, Lawrence 13.

Saturday's results

BRIDGMAN 42, SOUTH HAVEN 22

BRIDGMAN (42)
Liv Tomlin 7 0-0 14, Maggie Griffiths 1 2-6 4, Arie Hackett 3 0-0 6, Sam Rydwelski 7 0-2 14, Ava Starbuck 1 0-0 2, Elise Schmaltz 1 0-0 2. Totals: 20 2-8 42.
SOUTH HAVEN (22)
Doi O 3-6 3, Eddy 1 0-0 2, Bermejo 2 0-2 4, Lewis 4 1-2 9, Verseput 2 0-0 4. Totals: 9 4-10 22.
Bridgman 4 13 17 8 — 42
S. Haven 7 9 2 4 — 22
3-point goals – none. Total fouls – Bridgman 11, South Haven 10. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none. Bridgman stats – Tomlin 4 steals; Schmaltz 4 steals; Rydwelski 7 steals; Griffiths 7 rebounds.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Saturday's results

BENTON HARBOR 76, CHELSEA 68 (OT)

BENTON HARBOR (76)
Trucel Singleton 8 4-9 24, Grant Gondrezick 7 10-10 29, JaJuan Walker 7 2-2 16, Marlon Williams 2 1-2 5, Javon Mason 1 0-2 2. Totals: 23 17-25 76.
CHELSEA (68)
Lucas Hanifan 4 0-0 8, Chase Lay 1 0-0 2, Joseph Cabana 6 2-2 14, Matthew Blanton 6 2-2 18, Jayden Woody 2 0-1 4, Jacob Stephens 7 3-5 20. Totals: 26 7-10 68.
B. Harbor 22 6 19 12 17 — 76
Chelsea 16 14 16 13 9 — 68
3-point goals – Benton Harbor 9 (Gondrezick 5, Singleton 4), Chelsea 7 (Blanton 4, Stephens 3). Total fouls – Benton Harbor 11, Chelsea 18. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none.
Records – Benton Harbor 11-1, Chelsea 8-4.

NEW BUFFALO 66, BRIDGMAN 56

NEW BUFFALO (66)
Markvell Shaw 4 3-4 11, Kaden Parmley 4 0-0 11, Jerrin Mitchell 3 3-3 9, Landon Haskins 0 0-1 0, Ryan Vinson 4 2-2 10, Anthony Anderson 2 0-0 6, Anthony Lijewski 3 0-0 9, Zack Forker 4 2-2 10. Totals: 24 10-12 66.
BRIDGMAN (56)
John Sanderson 3 0-1 8, Jayce Warren 6 7-9 21, Riley Gloe 6 1-3 18, Nate Necas 1 0-0 3, Chuck Pagel 1 3-4 6. Totals: 17 11-17 56.
New Buffalo 15 18 15 18 — 66
Bridgman 14 15 11 16 — 56
3-point goals – New Buffalo 8 (Parmley 3, Lijewski 3, Anderson 2), Bridgman 11 (Gloe 5, Sanderson 2, Warren, Necas, Pagel). Total fouls – New Buffalo 15, Bridgman 10. Fouled out – Shaw (NB). Rebounds – New Buffalo 41 (Mitchell 11), Bridgman 23 (Warren 9). Assists – Mitchell (NB) 9, Warren (B) 7.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

Saturday's results

OTSEGO BULLDOG CLASSIC

Team scores — 1. Plainwell 721.7, 2. Allegan 711, 3. Parchment 694.54, 4. Gull Lake 682.34, 5. Otsego 626.18, 6. Lakeshore 593.5, 7. Wayland 591, 8. GR Catholic Central 574.2, 9. South Haven 508.56, 10. BC Pennfield 319.3.

AREA SCHEDULE

Today

Boys basketball

St. Joseph at Niles, 7
Battle Creek Central at Benton Harbor, 7
Howardsville Christian at Michigan Lutheran, 7:30
Lake Michigan Catholic at Lawrence, 7
Andrews Academy at Berrien Springs, 7
Watervliet at Kalamazoo Christian, 7
Fennville at Coloma, 7
Cassopolis at Hartford, 7:30
Holland at South Haven, 7
Countryside at River Valley, 7:30

Girls basketball

Niles at St. Joseph, 7
Benton Harbor at Battle Creek Central, 5:45
Howardsville Christian at Michigan Lutheran, 6
Watervliet at Kalamazoo Christian, 7
Coloma at Fennville, 7
Hartford at Cassopolis, 7:30
South Haven at Holland, 7
Eau Claire at Bridgman, 7:30

SCOREBOARD

NFL

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 30
AFC
Cincinnati 27, Kansas City 24, OT
NFC
L.A. Rams 20, San Francisco 17
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 13
At Inglewood, Calif.
Cincinnati vs. L.A. Rams, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Phila.	31	19	.620	—
Brooklyn	29	20	.592	1½
Toronto	25	23	.521	5
Boston	27	25	.519	5
New York	24	27	.471	7½
Southeast Division				
Miami	32	19	.627	—
Charlotte	28	23	.549	4
Atlanta	24	26	.480	7½
Washington	23	26	.469	8
Orlando	11	40	.216	21
Central Division				
Chicago	31	18	.633	—
Cleveland	31	20	.608	1
Milwaukee	31	21	.596	1½
Indiana	19	33	.365	13½
Detroit	12	37	.245	19
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
Memphis	35	18	.660	—
Dallas	29	22	.569	5
San Antonio	19	32	.373	15
New Orleans	18	32	.360	15½
Houston	14	36	.280	19½
Northwest Division				
Utah	30	21	.588	—
Denver	28	21	.571	1
Minnesota	25	25	.500	4½
Portland	21	30	.412	9
Oklahoma City	15	34	.306	14
Pacific Division				
Phoenix	40	9	.816	—
Golden State	38	13	.745	3
L.A. Clippers	26	27	.491	16
L.A. Lakers	24	27	.471	17
Sacramento	18	34	.346	23½

Sunday's Games
Atlanta 129, L.A. Lakers 121
L.A. Clippers 115, Charlotte 90
Chicago 130, Portland 116
Detroit 115, Cleveland 105
Denver 136, Milwaukee 100
Orlando 110, Dallas 108
Phoenix 115, San Antonio 110
Minnesota 126, Utah 106

Monday's Games
Indiana 122, L.A. Clippers 116
Cleveland 93, New Orleans 90
Phila. 122, Memphis 119, OT
Boston 122, Miami 92
Toronto 106, Atlanta 100
New York 116, Sacramento 96
Oklahoma City 98, Portland 81
Golden State 122, Houston 108

Tuesday's Games
New Orleans at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Miami at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Orlando at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Washington at Phila., 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 10 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

Sunday's Games
N.Y. Rangers 3, Seattle 2
Los Angeles 4, Pittsburgh 3
Carolina 2, San Jose 1
Florida 6, Boston 1
Columbus 6, Montreal 3
Minnesota 4, N.Y. Islanders 3
Colorado 4, Buffalo 1

Monday's Games
Florida 6, Columbus 4
Vancouver 3, Chicago 1
Detroit 2, Anaheim 1, OT
Toronto 6, New Jersey 4
Ottawa 3, Edmonton 2, OT

Tuesday's Games
Florida at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Boston, 7 p.m.
Toronto at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Arizona at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Buffalo at Vegas, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Edmonton at Washington, 7 p.m.
Seattle at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Arizona, 9:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.

Hillmon, Michigan women beat Indiana in top-10 matchup

ANN ARBOR (AP) — Naz Hillmon scored 21 points, Emily Kiser grabbed a career-high 16 rebounds and No. 6 Michigan beat fifth-ranked Indiana 65-50 on Monday night for its second win over a top-five opponent this season.

Michigan 65 Indiana 50

Michigan scored the opening nine points of the game and never trailed to knock the Hoosiers out of sole possession of first place in the Big Ten Conference. The Wolverines had never beaten a top-five team at home, but did win at then-No. 5 Baylor in overtime on December 19.

The Wolverines held Indiana to just six points in the third quarter and their lead grew to as many as 16 in the fourth. Indiana pulled within 59-50 with 3:09 left but missed its final four shots as its nine-game winning streak came to an end.

Leigha Brown and Laila Phelia each added 11 points for Michigan (19-2, 10-1 Big Ten). The Wolverines battled turnover issues with 25, but used a 52-20 advantage on the glass for 14 second-chance points.

Michigan led 32-30 at halftime despite turning it over 17 times.

Nicole Cardano-Hillary had 16 points and eight steals for Indiana (14-3, 6-1). Grace Berger added 13 points with six rebounds and six steals, and Ali Patberg scored 10. Cardano-Hillary and Berger each made just 6 of 15 field goals and Patberg was 4 of 13 as the Hoosiers shot just 33.3 percent, includig 3 of 14 from distance.

Both teams play again on Thursday. Michigan goes on the road to face Illinois and Indiana hosts Minnesota.

PRIME TIME TV

TUESDAY EVENING FEB. 1

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7) (10) (41) (57)	Wheel of Fortune	Judge Steve Harvey (N) (CC) (DVS)		Abbott Elementary	black-ish (N)	Abbott Elementary	black-ish
CBS (2) (3) (22)	Ent. Tonight	FBI Maggie goes under cover. (N) (CC)		FBI: International "Chew Toy" (N)		FBI: Most Wanted "El Pincho" (N)	
NBC (5) (8) (16)	Ac. Hollywood	American Auto (N)	Grand Crew (N)	This Is Us "Heart and Soul" (N)		:01 The Wall "Amber and Chelsea" (CC)	
FOX (17) (22) (28) (32)	You Bet Your Life	The Resident "Her Heart" (N)		The Real Dirty Dancing (N)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) (CC)	
PBS (34)	Steves' Europe	Finding Your Roots With Henry		In Their Own Words "Chuck Berry" (CC)		Frontline "Trump's American Carnage"	
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Superman & Lois (N) (CC)		Naomi "Enigma" (N) (CC)		NightTeam	Seinfeld (CC)
MNT (39)	Family Feud	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Chicago Fire "Keep Your Mouth Shut"		Chicago Fire Jones struggles to fit in.	
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	Superman & Lois (N) (CC)		Naomi "Enigma" (N) (CC)		The Drew Barrymore Show (CC)	
WHME (46)	:00 Heartland	Heartland Lou meets the new ranch hand.		Highway to Heaven "Amazing Man"		Nightly News	
WGN (9)	News	black-ish "Pilot"	The Goldbergs	Young Sheldon	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) (CC)	
A&E	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	:01 Storage Wars	:32 Storage Wars
AMC	Lethal Weapon 2	(CC) ★★★ Lethal Weapon 3 ('92, Action) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Joe Pesci. (CC)					Lethal Weapon 4
Animal	Insane	:01 Insane Pools: Deeper Dive (N)				:01 Tanked	
BET	Madea Family Funeral			T. Perry's The Oval		T. Perry's Ruthless	
Big Ten	College Basketball			College Basketball Nebraska at Michigan.			
Bravo	Housewives	The Real Housewives of New Jersey (SP) (N)			The Real Housewives of New Jersey		Real SLC
Cartoon	Total	King/Hill	King/Hill	Burgers	Burgers	Futurama	Futurama
Cinemax	40-Year-Old Vir	(CC) ★★★ Kajillionaire ('20) Evan Rachel Wood. (P).			:45 (CC) ★★★ Igby Goes Down ('02) Kieran Culkin. (CC)		
CMT	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	S. Smith	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Anderson Cooper		Don Lemon Tonight	
Comedy	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Park (CC)		South Park (CC)	
Discovery	Outlaws: Fast	Street Outlaws: Fastest in America "Cali vs. Detroit" (N) (CC)					
Disney	Big City	Big City	Big City	Secrets	Secrets	Big City	Big City
DIY	Restorati.	Restoration		Restoration		Barnwood Builders	
E!	Botched	Botched (CC)		Botched (N) (CC)		Botched (CC)	
ESPN	College Basketball Teams TBA.			College Basketball Teams TBA.			
ESPN2	College Basketball Teams TBA.			College Basketball Teams TBA.			
ESPNC	Football	College Football				College Football	
Food	Chopped	Chopped (CC)		Chopped (N) (CC)		Chopped (CC)	
Fox News	Jesse	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) (CC)		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	NBA Basketball: Pelicans at Pistons				Pistons	Pistons	Inside
Freefrm	The Office (CC)	The Office (CC)	The Office (CC)	The Office (CC)	The Office "Lice"	The Office (CC)	The Office (CC)
FX	Bumblebee ('18)	★★ Transformers: The Last Knight ('17) Mark Wahlberg. The war between Transformers and humans threatens Earth. (CC)					
Golf	Golf	Golf's Greatest Rounds (CC)					Central
Hallmark	Last Brides	Matching Hearts ('20, Romance) Taylor Cole, Ryan Paevey. (CC) (DVS)				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	:25 ★★★ Nobody ('21, Action) Bob Odenkirk. (CC)			Terry Bradshaw: Going Deep (N) (CC)			Judas & Black
History	Oak Is	Curse-Island		Curse-Island		Beyond Oak Island	
HGTV	Fixer to	Fixer to Fabulous (N)		Fixer to Fabulous		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	I Am Jazz	90 Days	90 Days	I Am Jazz		I Am Shauna Rae (N)	
Lifetime	:00 Castle (CC)	Castle A sketch-show creator's death.		Castle Investigating a death in the woods.		:03 Castle Castle searches for Beckett.	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Teen	Teen Mom		Teen Mom: Gir		Teen Mom	
NBCSCH	TBA	NBA Basketball					TBA
NFL	NFL Total	Senior Bowl		NFL Football (CC)			
Nick	Loud	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Next Gen	Life Below Zero: Next Generation (N)				Port Protection	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Unforgettable A pilot lives a double life for decades. (N) (CC)				Dateline: Secrets Uncovered "Toxic"	
Parmt	:00 ★★ Shooter ('07) Mark Wahlberg. (CC)					★★ Shooter	
Showtime	Shutter Island	★★★ Lee Daniels' The Butler ('13) Forest Whitaker, Oprah Winfrey. (CC)				:15 ★★★ Moonlight ('16) (CC)	
Starz	Jumanji: Welcome	Barbara Lee: Speaking Truth to Power ('20) (P).			:27 Summertime ('20) Tyris Winter. (P). (CC)		
STZENC	:16 ★★ John Carpenter's Escape From L.A. ('96) (CC)			★★ Act of Valor ('12, Action) Roselyn Sánchez, Jason Cottle. (CC)			
SyFy	6:00 ★★★ Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban			★★★ Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire ('05) Daniel Radcliffe. (CC) (DVS)			
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Wipeout "Smooching Cena" (N)		Wipeout "Smooching Cena" (CC) (DVS)	
TCM	4:15 ★★★ Young Mr. Lincoln ('39) Henry Fonda, Alice Brady, Marjorie Weaver. (CC)					★★★ Jezebel ('38) Bette Davis.	
TMC	20th Century	My Salinger Year ('20, Drama) Margaret Qualley. (CC)			:45 Queen Bees ('21) Ellen Burstyn, James Caan. (CC)		
TNT	NBA Basketball: Wizards at Bucks					NBA Basketball	
Travel	Os	The Osbournes Want to Believe (N) (CC)				Vampires in America	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	:00 NCIS	WWE NXT (N) (L) (CC)				:08 ★★★ Enemy of the State	
VH1	Tyler Perry's Boo 2! A Madea Halloween				★★ White Chicks ('04)		
WGN-A	On Balance	Dan Abrams Live (N) (L) (CC)		NewsNation Prime With Marni Hughes		Banfield (N) (CC)	

Man's crude behavior is a turn-off at home

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My 55-year-old husband and I have been married more than 25 years. Our marriage has been challenging, but we now have three adult sons to help succeed in the world, one of whom has a chronic severe health condition.

My biggest problem is my husband won't stop pointing out how much he notices I'm aging. He says I'm going downhill.

I don't ask for his opinion or open the discussion. If I'm not "in the mood" after he has been staring at his phone for hours, probably looking at nude women as I've seen him do many times, he calls me a shriveled-up prune.

He also constantly comments about younger women on TV, in the movies or even on the local news, and says things like, "Where's that juicy young blonde who was on the news before?" Or he tells me how much I resemble an old woman on TV who looks like she's 20 years older than I am. He also never fails to point out young women who still have their "baby fat," which I don't.

He says he loves me and hugs and kisses me every day, but then he acts so creepy I don't want him touching me. He is really starting to disgust and confuse me. He knows how I feel about this. Now he's telling me I'M crazy because of how I feel about his behavior. I don't know why he's acting like this. It seems like he's looking for an excuse to stray. I have been told before that he has incurable narcissism. – Fading In Washington

DEAR FADING: Couples are supposed to love each other for who they are, not their appearance. Your husband is emotionally abusive. His hostility is blatant. That he would expect you to have sex with him after hours on his cellphone – and no foreplay – is incredibly naive.

Could he be deliberately trying to sabotage your marriage? A marriage and family therapist might be able to get to the bottom of this, but if counseling doesn't help, you may have to let your adult sons fend for themselves and start taking care of yourself.

DEAR ABBY: I have this friend I have known since I was 9. She's a very good friend, but she doesn't get along with my boyfriend. They fight, and when they do, I'm stuck in the middle. I have spoken to both of them many times and asked them to coexist for my sake. They both try hard, but we all feel like we are walking on eggshells – especially me. How do I handle being with them for holiday celebrations and special occasions at my apartment? – Uneasy In Massachusetts

DEAR UNEASY: I wish you had mentioned which one is causing these "fights." Mature individuals opt to "agree to disagree" and change the subject, rather than allow an argument to degenerate into open conflict. Explain this to both of them, and the next time you are caught in the middle, ask the person who picked the fight to do that – or leave. And, if things don't get better, celebrate with them separately as often as possible.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO MY ASIAN READERS WHO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR: The Year of the Tiger begins today. Those born in the Year of the Tiger are brave, competitive, unpredictable and confident. Famous Tiger Year people are Tom Cruise, Leonardo DiCaprio, Lady Gaga and Queen Elizabeth II. I am wishing a happy, healthy new year to all who are celebrating this holiday. – Love, Abby

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Pregnancy delights her, but rattles her husband and son

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: I'm overjoyed to find myself pregnant at age 42, having suffered from secondary infertility since my son was born 11 years ago. What a wonderful thing to happen at this dark and dreary time, right?

Except my husband is glum and my son is pouty and "embarrassed" – by what you ask? I'm not sure. My husband keeps grimly telling me how old we'll be when this child is through college and how much it will probably cost. My son is declaring he won't share his room – it was never a consideration – or change any diapers.

We've finally started telling people and I don't know what to say when they assume my husband is ecstatic and my son excited.

Why is my family acting this way? My husband keeps saying he needs time to adjust but it's been almost two months and this is a child we can very well afford and have always wanted – what is there to adjust to?

I don't think I'll ever get over his initial reaction. What words of wisdom do you have for me? – Expecting

DEAR EXPECTING: Congratulations!

However, "By what?" is a question I did not ask in reference to your son's embarrassment. He's 11, therefore he's embarrassed that (1) you and your husband have sex; (2) everyone he knows will also know that; (3) even if they don't think that, a pregnancy will call attention to your family?!, being noticeable is middle school torment; (4) you just reminded him he has parents. You might as well be on TikTok dancing on the lawn of his school.

Just guessing. Could be wrong.

As for your husband, babies are hard, so hard. Plus you're both older and higher-risk, plus pandemic. You know all this – and that two months is not much adjustment time. Worry if he needs more than nine.

He will be less available to support you, granted – so treat this as an opportunity *not* to set each other up for failure. Give him his time and space and line up resources you can count on.

Last thing, which I should have put first: Don't decide, please please don't, that you won't "ever get over" his initial reaction. That's just not realistic or fair to any of you. The ways we react to big news, before we've had a chance to order our thoughts and remember our manners, are often terrible.

Your husband was settled into one thing and you surprised him with another. That the surprise was good does not magically erase all the implications of a steep change.

His need to adjust could even, non-contortionally, be a sign of his happiness with you and your life together. "Change?! What? Why?"

As for what to say to people, just say they're in shock. [Eyeroll/shrug/laugh.]

I don't mean to invalidate you. It is lousy you're alone in your joy. But be patient, please, and as aware of their viewpoint as you want them to be of yours. And turn to friends or a prenatal group, if that's what it takes, to celebrate your wonderful news.

REGARDING BABY: Sex is where my mind went when I read the 11-year-old was embarrassed. He might as well have walked in on you in the act!

I'm wondering, though, if Mom can't find an opening to talk to son in a non-threatening way – on a drive where your eyes are on the road, sitting by his bed at night in the dark – to say you know he's not happy about it.

"Is there anything else you want to tell me, honey?" Find ways to listen and learn. – Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Yes, thanks – sit calmly with a handful of sunflower seeds and let the skittish woodland creature to come to you.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Full extent
5 Beaver project
8 Far East nanny
12 Braided cord
13 Left Bank friend
14 Roman marketplaces
15 Humane Society goal
17 Thunder
18 Down Under citizen
20 UPS units
21 Cunning
24 Grind one's teeth
26 Is, to Fritz
27 Heavy hammer
31 Sets
33 "— Buttermilk Sky"
34 Ms. Dinesen
38 A Guthrie
39 Tillis or Dawber
40 PBS series
41 Dictation pros
44 Dover's st.
45 Aluminum company
48 Locate, perhaps
50 By way of
51 Popular cruise stop
55 "Green Gables" redhead
57 Stubborn
61 Stravinsky or Sikorsky
62 Sweater letter
63 Kind of rug
64 Like one Ranger
65 Spinning toy
66 Mispronounce "s"

DOWN
1 Tijuana "Mrs."
2 Bean hull
3 GI mail drop
4 Where Kathmandu is
5 Podium
6 "Famous" cookie maker
7 Dress style
8 Kenya's loc.
9 Cash, casually
10 Swift horses
11 Rigid
16 Weekday, briefly
19 Soufflé ingredient
21 Prefix for billion
22 Tech-support caller
23 "— never fly"
25 No, on the Rhine
28 Easy gait
29 Vivacity
30 Slightly used car
32 Just OK (hyph.)
35 Seltzer
36 With, to Henri
37 Hardy green
42 Light brown
43 Census info
45 Benefit
46 Slangy talk
47 Bishop's rule
49 Not built-up
52 No. cruncher
53 London district
54 Barber-shop noise
56 Before, to Blake
58 "Exodus" character
59 Lo- graphics
60 Bark

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NLNIE

ASYHT

WREVES

FMLUEF

There are so many great waves to ride!
I know! Here come some more!
THE OCEAN'S UNDULATIONS WERE MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR THE SURFERS TO HAVE ---

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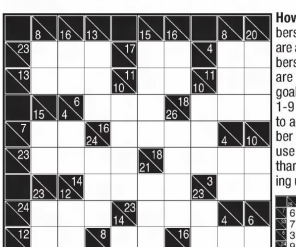
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GRANT OFFER HIDDEN ABSURD
Answer: The invention of rotary ceiling fans in the mid-1860s began with a — ROUGH DRAFT

KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★

2-01

BRIDGE

Vernor Vinge, a science fiction author and retired professor of mathematics and computer science, wrote, "So high, so low, so many things to know."

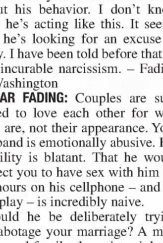
In bridge, sometimes it is critical to know whether to follow suit with a low card or a high one, or to ruff high or low. Which is relevant in today's deal?

South plunged into six spades, hoping to buy a good dummy. West led the spade three: five, six, queen. How should declarer have continued?

West – the coward! – let the unfavorable vulnerability dissuade him from bidding four hearts, the normal action with an eight-card suit even against a strong two-club opening.

The original declarer could see only two heart losers and thought that he could ruff them in the dummy. He cashed the heart ace, dropping East's queen. South paused, taking a quick look at East. Could that queen really be a singleton? No, it was obviously a false-card. He ruffed the heart six with the spade seven. Disaster! East overruffed and returned his last trump. Now declarer had no home for the heart jack and had to finish down one.

If only South hadn't gone low when he should have gone high. He should have ruffed the heart six with the spade 10. Then he would have returned to his hand with a club to the ace and ruffed the heart jack with the spade seven. He would have been happy for East to overruff. Declarer would have had no loser remaining. He would have won East's return, drawn the last trump and claimed the slam.



SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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2	5	7	9	3	1	4	6	8
8	3	4	2	6	7	1	9	5

BEETLE BAILEY

ARE YOU EVER GOING TO RETIRE?
I'VE BEEN IN THE ARMY SO LONG, I'M NOT SURE HOW TO DEAL WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD
AND I'M SURE THE OUTSIDE WORLD ISN'T READY FOR YOU
GREG + MORT WALKER

BLONDIE

HOW COME YOU WERE CLOSED YESTERDAY?
I WAS CALLED IN FOR JURY DUTY
AND THEY RELEASED YOU IN ONE DAY?
I WAS THE FIRST ONE THEY EXCUSED!
I THINK IT WAS MY APRON THAT DID IT

HI & LOIS

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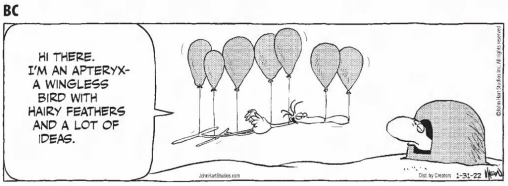

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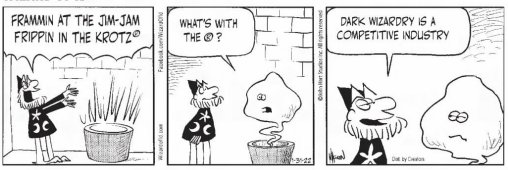


DILBERT

WE'RE GETTING PRESSURE TO STOP DOING BUSINESS WITH ELBONIA.
CRITICS SAY THEY MAKE FERTILIZER OUT OF ORPHANS. THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF VIDEOS OF IT HAPPENING.
BUT THE ELBONIAN GOVERNMENT DENIES IT.
SOUNDS LIKE A "WAIT AND SEE" SITU-ATION.

GARFIELD

FORT KNOX

SOMEONE LEFT A PRESENT FOR ME.
WHY?
I'M NOT SURE, BUT IT CAN'T BE GOOD... I'VE BEEN MEAN TO EVERYONE.
SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THIS DANGEROUS GIFT?
MAKE YOU OPEN IT.

PICKLES

WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?
BARBER SHOP!
I SHOULD SAY THE BUTCHER SHOP!
OH? WHAT'S WRONG?
CAN'T YOU TELL? HE PARTED MY HAIR ON THE WRONG SIDE!!
WHAT'S SO DANG FUNNY?!
CHORTLE!

FAMILY CIRCUS

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

OOH! BROWNIE BATTER! CAN I LICK THE SPOON?
SURE.
AND WHEN I'M DONE, I'LL WHACK HAMMIE OVER THE HEAD WITH IT.
WHAT?? WHY?
CALL IT A FLAVOR ENHANCER.

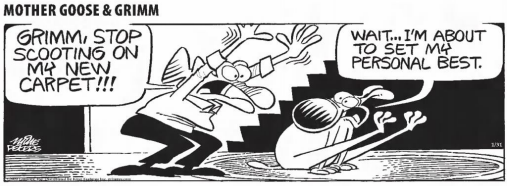
CURTIS

UMM, WHAT ARE YOU DOING, CURTIS?
WATCHING DAD: WHEN HE GOES INTO THE SHOWER HE'LL SING, AND I'LL RECORD HIM OUTSIDE THE BATHROOM, POST IT AND GET LOTSA LIKES!
DIDN'T YOU AGREE WITH DAD WHEN HE SAID LIKES WEREN'T IMPORTANT?!
I DIDN'T AGREE WITH HIM, I JUST NODDED AND SAID HE WAS RIGHT!

ZITS

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



MUTTS

SALLY FORTH

HOW TO BEAT THE WINTER DOLDRUMS
#1. GET PLENTY OF EXERCISE
AUGH! IT SEES ME! WHAT DO I DO?!
WHAT DO I DO?!?
RUN! THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT OF THIS VR GAME!
ARE YOU STILL PLAYING "KNIFE-WIELDING GRIZZLY IN OUR HALLWAY"?
BECAUSE I WANNA PLAY "BEAT SABER."
KEEFE

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BEETLE BAILEY

HERE'S MY REPORT, SIR!
YOUR REPORTS ARE TOO LONG. YOU HAVE TO CONDENSE THEM
BY HOW MUCH?
SEE WHAT YOU CAN FIT ON THE HEAD OF A PIN
GREG + MORT WALKER

BLONDIE

I FOUND A TWENTY-DOLLAR BILL ON MY WAY TO LOU'S DINER TODAY
GOOD FOR YOU, DEAR!
BOY, TALK ABOUT BEING IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME
I HOPE YOU SPENT THE MONEY ON A DELICIOUS LUNCH
NOPE, I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO GO ANYWHERE ELSE.

HI & LOIS

APPLIANCE Central
DOES ANYONE IN YOUR FAMILY TAPE COMIC STRIPS TO THE REFRIGERATOR?
THEY ALL DO.
NOW THEY CAN DO IT DIGITALLY.

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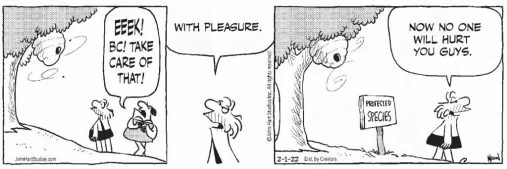
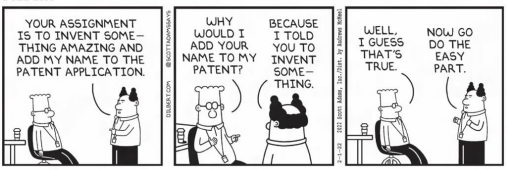


WIZARD OF ID

DILBERT


YOUR ASSIGNMENT IS TO INVENT SOMETHING AMAZING AND ADD MY NAME TO THE PATENT APPLICATION.
WHY WOULD I ADD YOUR NAME TO MY PATENT?
BECAUSE I TOLD YOU TO INVENT SOMETHING.
WELL, I GUESS THAT'S TRUE.
NOW GO DO THE EASY PART.

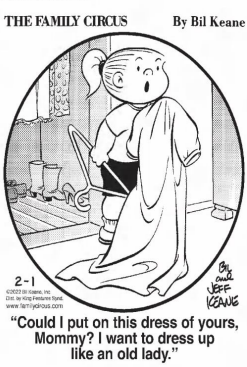
GARFIELD

FORT KNOX

PICKLES

I'M SORRY YOU'RE NOT HAPPY WITH YOUR HAIRCUT, EARL.
I ONCE HEARD A QUOTE BY DR. SEUSS THAT HELPED ME THROUGH SOME TOUGH TIMES...
"DON'T CRY BECAUSE IT'S OVER. SMILE BECAUSE IT HAPPENED."
OH, WAIT... THAT DOESN'T REALLY HELP IN THIS SITUATION, DOES IT?

FAMILY CIRCUS



DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

WE SHOULD GET OUT OF TOWN THIS MONTH.
WE COULD GO TO THEME PARKS IN CALIFORNIA OR FLORIDA!
OR, WE COULD JUST PUT ON SWEATERS AND SAVE ABOUT A BAZILLION BUCKS.
WHEN DID YOU FIRST NOTICE YOURSELF BECOMING BORING?

CURTIS

I CREPT OUTSIDE THE BATHROOM AND TAPED AUDIO OF DAD SINGING IN THE SHOWER AND DIDN'T GET CAUGHT!
NOW WHEN I POST THIS I'LL GET LOTS AND LOTS OF LIKES!
IS THAT IMPORTANT TO YOU, CURTIS, THE LIKES OF STRANGERS OVER YOUR FAMILY'S PRIVACY?
THIS IS SOCIAL MEDIA... OF COURSE LIKES ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN PRIVACY!

ZITS

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MUTTS

IF I SEE MY SHADOW, IT'S SIX MORE WEEKS OF WINTER. IF NOT, SPRING WILL ARRIVE EARLY.
REALLY!?!
YES.
YOU CAN'T ARGUE WITH SCIENCE.
mutts.com

SALLY FORTH

HOW TO BEAT THE WINTER DOLDRUMS
#2. EAT HEALTHY
SEE, THE CHEESE POPCORN COVERS MY DAIRY PORTION.
AND THE CARAMEL POPCORN COVERS THE TASTE OF THE CHEESE POPCORN.
AND THE BUTTERED POPCORN, WELL, THAT'S JUST A FOOD STAPLE.
TED, WE GOT THAT POPCORN BEFORE CHRISTMAS. PLUS, I DON'T EXACTLY THINK OFFICE SUPPLY STORE SNACKS ARE NUTRITIOUS.
THAT'S BECAUSE WE NEED THE OTHER OFFICE SUPPLY STORE FOOD GROUPS—SOUR PATCH KIDS AND SWEDISH FISH.
KEEFE